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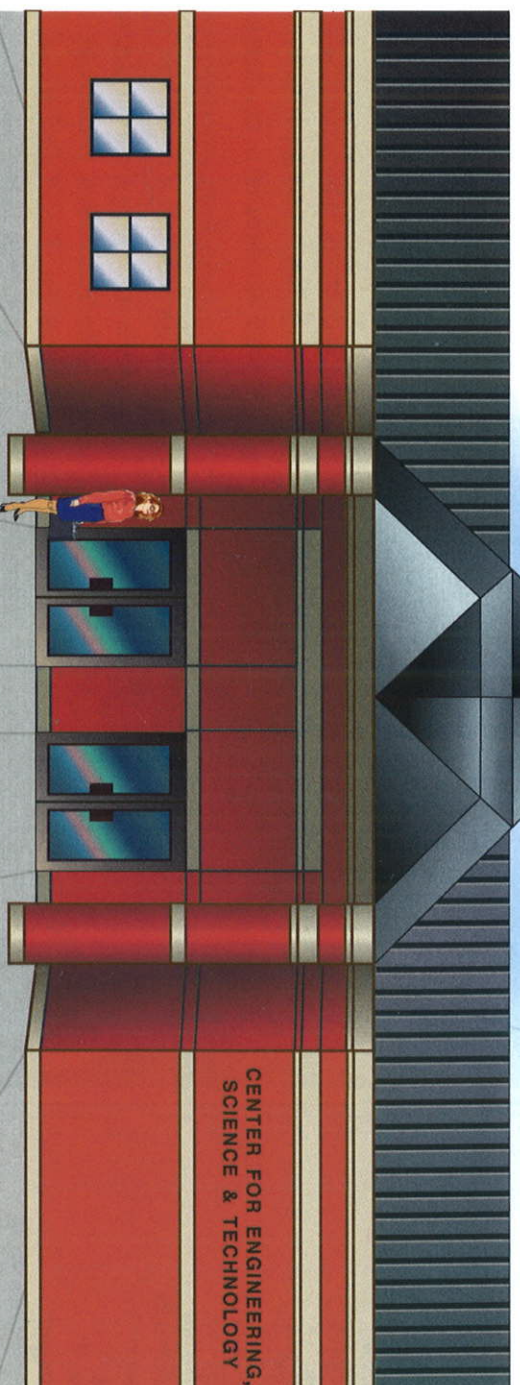
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## **President's Message**

# **Strengthening the Strong**

From our founding days in 1946, LeTourneau University has had at the forefront of its academic programs very strong offerings in various technology fields and in the natural sciences. LeTourneau was the very first Christian institution in the world to have fully-accredited programs in engineering.

Today, these technological and science areas remain our very strongest and most distinctive programs. Engineering, with concentrations in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and welding/materials joining engineering, continues to set the standard for engineering education among Christian colleges. These are joined by strong programs in engineering technology and design technology. For years we have had outstanding program offerings in chemistry, biology and physics. All students take foundational courses in the natural sciences and, in recent years, the Natural Sciences division has taken on a much more significant life of its own, attracting an increasingly large number of majors. Natural science majors have increased by more than 400 percent in the last eight years, and in this fall's entering class, natural science majors are at a record high, led by those in the pre-medicine program.

These divisions are producing graduates who are extremely well-trained and in great demand in the marketplace. Employers recognize the caliber of our educational programs and the personal qualities of our graduates, which emanate from learning in an environment committed to integrating Christian faith and excellence in academics.

However, we cannot rest on past laurels. We must meet the challenges of tomorrow.

These fine technological and science programs have been housed in facilities built more than thirty years ago when enrollments were much smaller and the instructional and laboratory equipment was much different from today. The engineering and science buildings are inadequate in space, as well as design, for today's educational needs... in addition, they inhibit any potential future growth in these programs.

A new "Center for Engineering, Science and Technology" has long been a goal, and it is included in our current "Shaping Tomorrow" capital campaign. This will be our second largest-ever building project, encompassing some 47,000 square feet at a cost of approximately \$5 million. It will provide state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, lecture halls and faculty offices to help insure the continuing strength of these premier programs. The existing facilities will continue to be of great value as they will be converted to general purpose classrooms, enlarged space for the aerospace science program and work space for engineering design projects.

You can help us achieve this goal by supporting our campaign effort to "strengthen the strong" through your personal giving, through directing us to potential funding sources, and through your prayers. In the next few weeks you will be given the opportunity to respond to this need. We need your involvement.

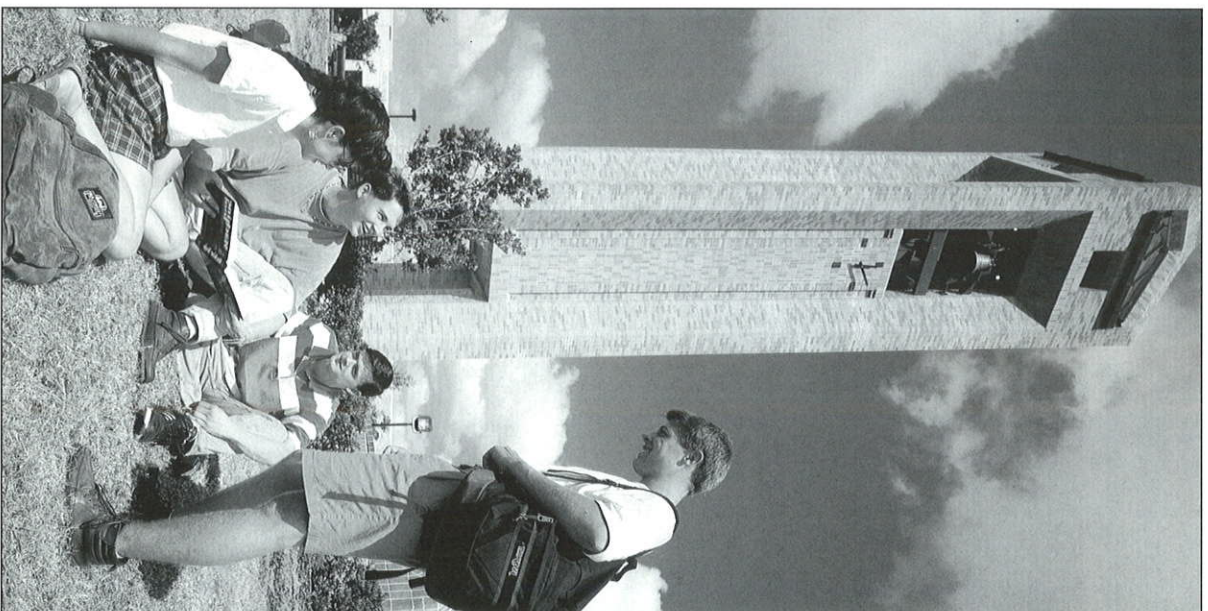
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CAMPAIGN.**

# **New Student Enrollment Hits 15-Year High at LeTourneau University**

There are more new students this fall at LeTourneau University's main campus in Longview than at any other time during the past 15 years. There are 321 new on-campus students enrolled at LeTourneau, up from 256 a year ago, and more than any new student enrollment figure since 1982.

The new student count includes first-time-ever college students, and students transferring in from other schools, but who had never attended LeTourneau before. Graduate students and those enrolled in adult degree programs are not included in this figure.

Total student enrollment neared an all-time record, with 2,207 students. This is the second-highest enrollment ever at LeTourneau in its 52-year history, and includes students at the main campus in Longview and its educational centers in Bedford, Dallas, Houston and Tyler. Overall enrollment was up 7 percent from the 1996-97 academic year, when there were 2,058 students, and almost triple the 788 students enrolled at LeTourneau at the beginning of the decade.



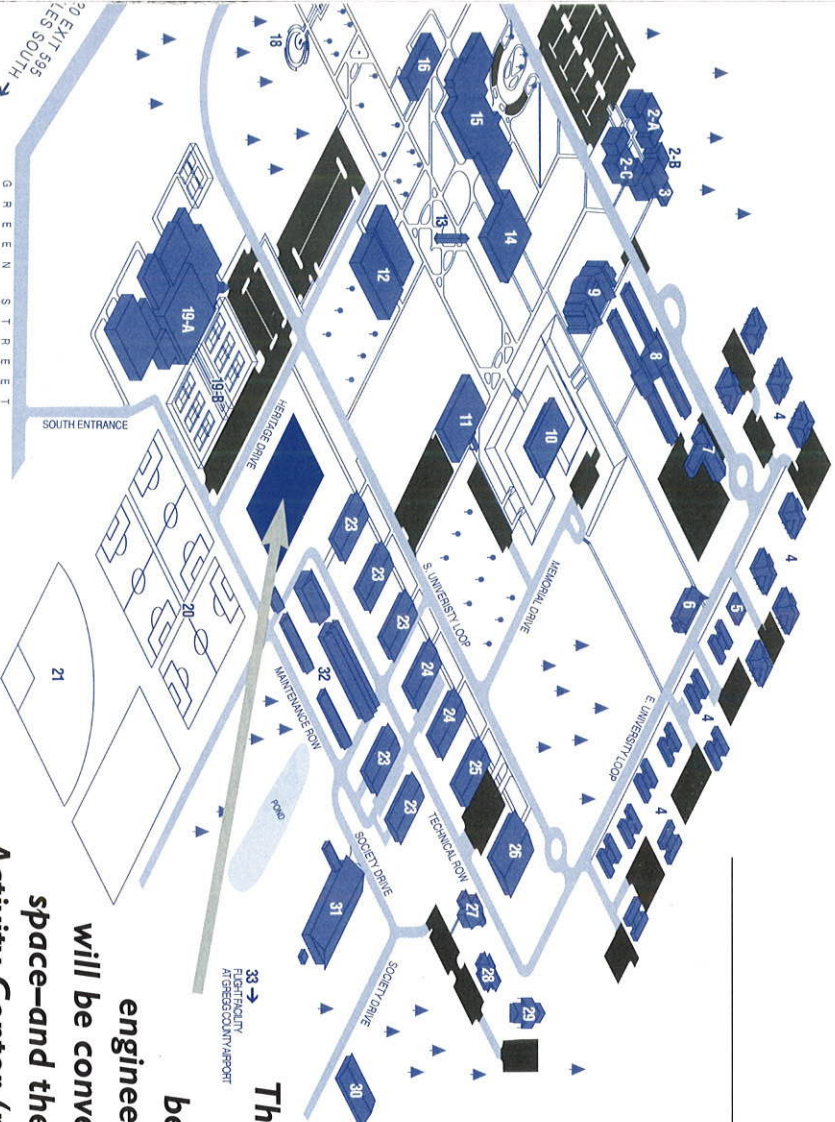


# Shaping Tomorrow's TECHNOLOGY

The LeTourneau University Center for Engineering, Science and Technology

The new Center for Engineering, Science and Technology will be located between the present engineering buildings (map:23)—which will be converted to additional lab project space—and the new Solheim Recreation and Activity Center (map: 19 A-B). The new building will be the University's second largest project ever.

## FACTS AND FIGURES



The new labs will house advanced Scientific Equipment, such as a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer and a Scanning Electron Microscope.

**Faculty:** Current engineering faculty will be drawn together from four different metal buildings. Science faculty will have much-needed room for more office space and anticipated additional growth. There are 26 faculty and administrative offices.

**Other:** Conference rooms, work areas and ample supply rooms—all necessary for a successful academic center—will round out the facility.

**Dates:** LeTourneau construction projects are built debt-free. When the funds are in hand, the project will begin. We are looking at a tentative date of early 1999 to begin, with a construction time of about 18 months. Our goal is to have this building operational for the entering class of 2000 — a fitting date for a high-tech building constructed with tomorrow in mind.

## READ MORE ABOUT THE SHAPING TOMORROW CAMPAIGN ON PAGE 7.

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### COMMENTS FROM LETOURNEAU STUDENTS



JOSHUA COE

If we are to effectively minister through our professions, it is vital that we not only be people of character, but that we show ourselves to be competent. We need an academic setting that can promote excellence.



KIM DEHARSH

I'm excited about our new Center. It will give us much-needed space and additional opportunities to become technologically competent. New labs and project areas will allow students the ability to diversify their studies and explore new fields.

### COMMENTS FROM LETOURNEAU FACULTY



DR. AMIEL JASTER  
Chair, Natural Sciences

The new Center will mean quality space and greater use of technology for the growing number of natural science majors. And since most LeTourneau students take two semesters of science, it will have a positive impact campus-wide.



DR. JOHN BUSCH  
Chair, Engineering & Engineering Technology

Our new facility will create an environment which will enhance the teaching and learning process. Engineering and engineering technology will be able to reach new levels of service to students, their future employers and the engineering profession.

- ENGINEERING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAMS**
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- ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**
  - Engineering Technology with Electrical, Mechanical and Welding Concentrations
  - Design Technology
- NATURAL SCIENCES**
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  - Chemical-Physics
  - Chemistry
  - Medical Technology
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# GRADUATE, ADULT CONTINUING STUDIES DIVISION

## NEWS

### ZERO-TO-60 . . . IN TWO YEARS

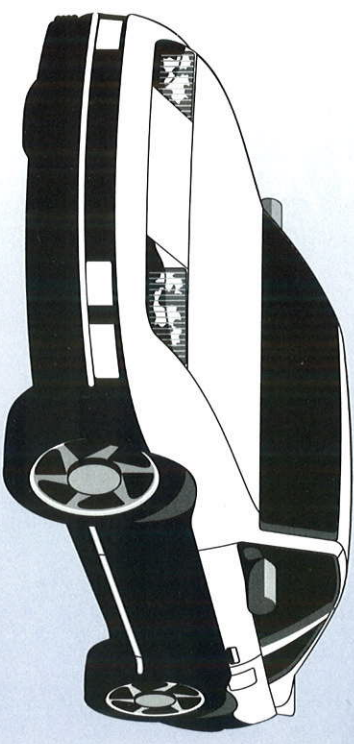
► LeTourneau University offers adult learners an innovative and speedy way to earn college credits.

► You don't have to quit working.

► Adults don't have to spend years and years earning just a few credits at a time.

By sports car standards, zero-to-60 in two years will gain no bragging rights. Even the much-maligned Yugo got to sixty miles per hour in less than a minute.

But in the academic world, starting with no college credits and gaining 60 semester hours in just two years is a blistering pace . . . especially considering that the feat can be accomplished while the student holds down a full-time job.



LeTourneau has created an innovative alternative for adult learners with little or no prior credits to start college and work toward a bachelor's degree while still employed full-time. It sure beats the alternatives.

► Students attend class one night a week and also work with other students in a weekly study group session.

Most adults find it's very difficult to hold down a full-time job, when returning to the classroom means attending most classes during the day. Quitting work is not a very practical option, and life can't be put on hold while they sit in class. So for working adults, going back to school becomes the impossible dream.

LeTourneau offers a better way. The "Zero-to-60" track allows adult learners with little or no college credits to return to class just one night a week, and also work with other students in a weekly study group session.

► The program is officially "full-time," so all student financial aid options, including government grants and loans, are available.

In a highly-concentrated format specially organized for the adult learner, an entire accredited college course is completed in just five to seven weeks. When the first course is over, students continue with the same classmates to the next course. Course by course, they work through the curriculum together until up to 60 credit hours have been earned.

What happens then? The University expects that most students will continue their academic journey, working toward the additional hours they need to finish their bachelor's degree, which can be completed in just 20 more months.

LeTourneau offers two accelerated degree programs for the adult learner: a bachelor of business management (B.B.M.) and a bachelor of business administration (B.B.A.). Two master's degree programs are available for adults: a master of business administration (M.B.A.) and a master of science in management (M.S.M.).

Despite the innovative approach, LeTourneau's high quality of instruction will be maintained. LeTourneau University is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)—and the new courses will meet a rigorous set of criteria required by SACS.

The LeTourneau program is highly concentrated, but is officially recognized as the equivalent of full-time, and all full-time student financial aid options, including grants and loans, are available to the adult learner.

From no college background to college graduate is possible in as little as 47 months, while attending class with other motivated adult learners.

Students with some college credits already will be able to join the "Zero-to-60" track at several points to pick up the courses needed to get up to 60 hours. They can then begin work completing the rest of their degree.

"Most adults recognize the need for a college degree," said Dr. Robert Hudson, dean of the Division of Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies, "but work, family or community obligations may have prevented them from achieving their dreams. At last there is a way to accomplish the goal. I encourage any adult in East Texas, Dallas or Houston to seriously consider taking the steps to enroll in this program."

For more information, contact the LeTourneau University Adult Admissions office today at (903) 236-3665 or call toll-free at (800) 888-5327.

## Marila Palmer New Continuing Studies Director

Marila Palmer is LeTourneau's new director of continuing studies. She taught English at several area schools and was assistant principal at Pine Tree Junior High School prior to coming to LeTourneau.

Palmer will oversee summer camps, continuing education courses, conference planning and facility rentals for the Longview campus and LeTourneau's educational centers in Dallas, Houston and Tyler.

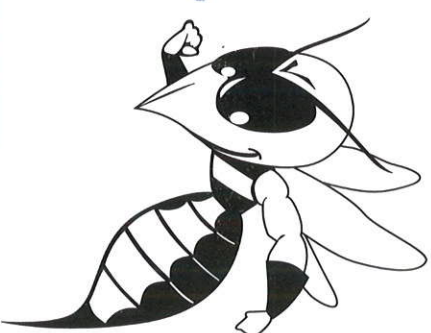
"I will work with every age group from pre-schoolers to senior adults. But I am looking forward to the challenge. It's great to work with people who are returning to the classroom to further their education and grow professionally. As people want to grow, LeTourneau wants to help them," Palmer said.







*John Inman*



BY JOHN INMAN, DIRECTOR OF  
SPORTS INFORMATION

## PROMISE OF GREATNESS Soccer and Volleyball Prospects Are Bright

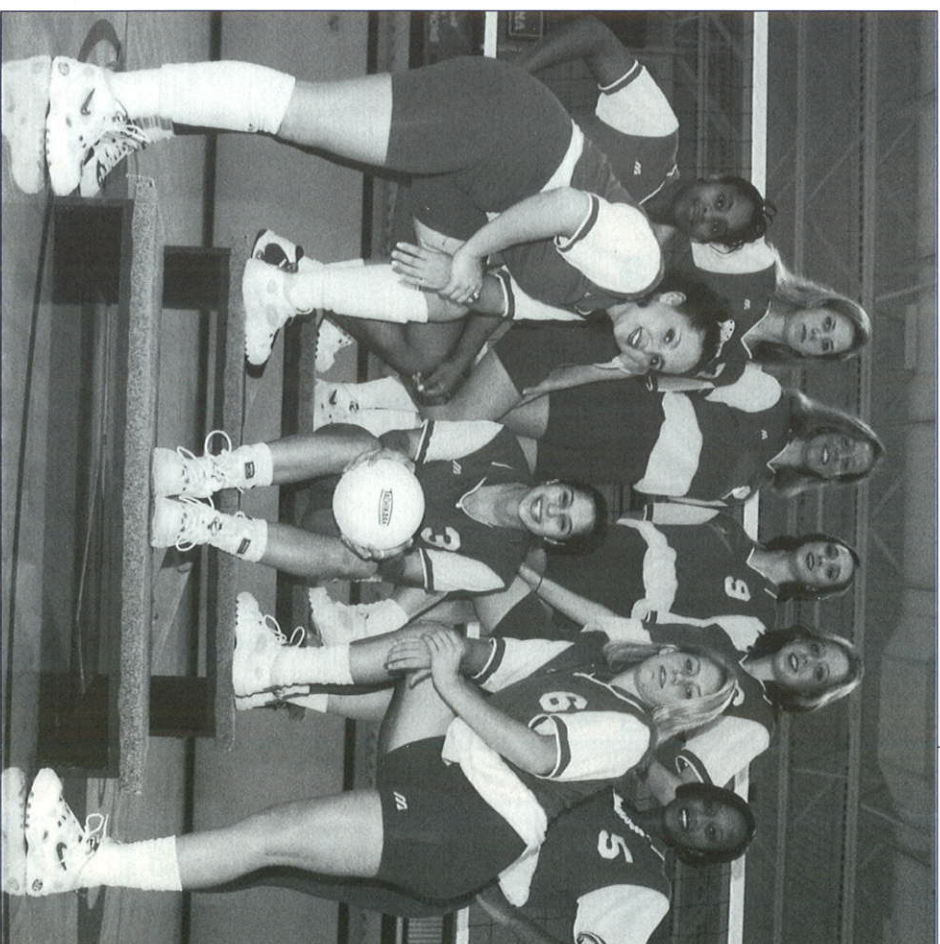
The soccer and volleyball teams opened their 1997 seasons with promises of gaining LeTourneau University more headlines.

Soccer coach Steve Barrett and volleyball coach Wendi Gibbs both brought in excellent prospects after their recruiting efforts. These efforts, coupled with a strong group of returning players, make season aspirations glisten.

The Yellowjackets lost their season-opener to No. 9-ranked Incarnate Word, but bounced back to upend a tough UT-Dallas squad, 1-0, and Coach Barrett said things should fall into place once team chemistry develops.

With players like senior Justin Hogg and junior Anthony Haverly, both returning All-Americans, the 'Jackets should be a solid contender for the NCAA National Championship when the tournament is played on the University campus the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 26-29.

Gibbs' second season at the volleyball helm should be much different. One of her recruits, junior Rhonda Richardson, was the Big State Conference Player of the Year for Ambassador University last year, and she should be a big spark for the team.



**The 1997 LadyJackets  
Varsity Volleyball Team**



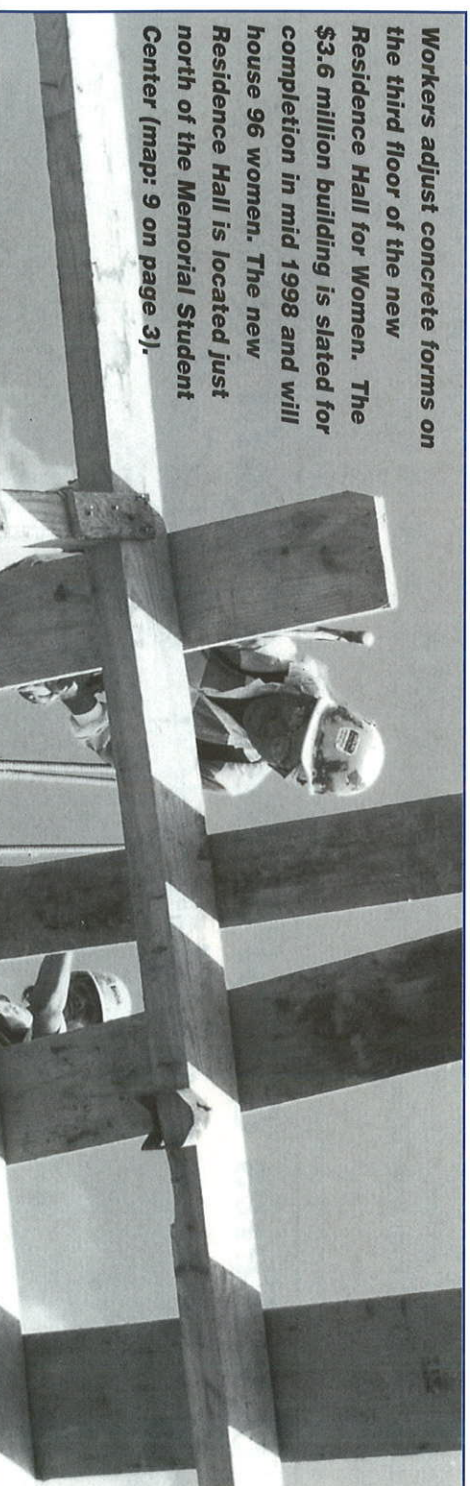
Basketball coaches Robert Davenport and Mary Ann Otwell also began preparations for the 1997-98 campaigns, which get underway in November.

Davenport will be entering his first year after a five-year stint as assistant at Oklahoma Baptist University, where the Bison twice finished as NIAA runners up.

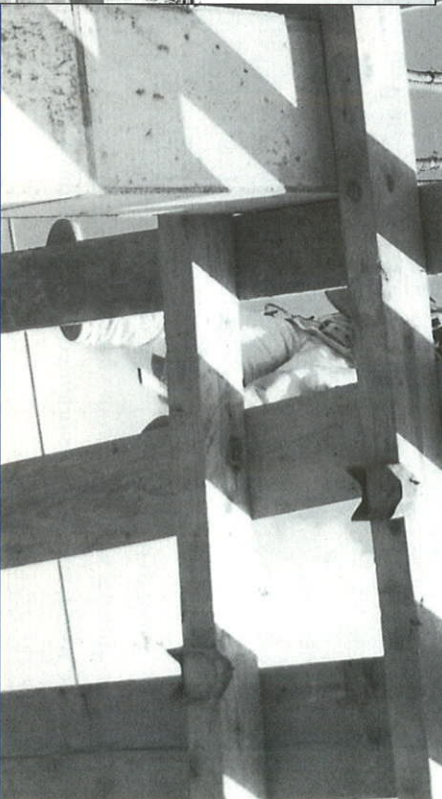
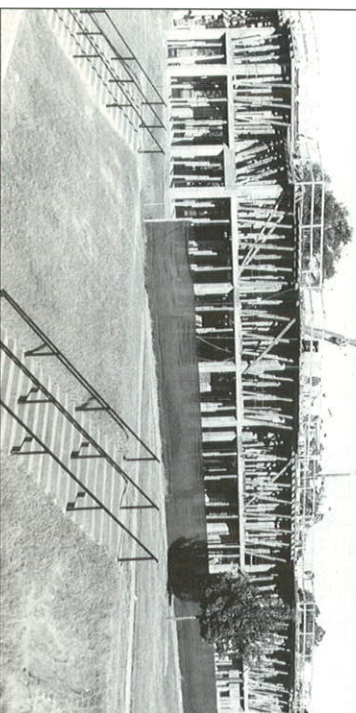
Otwell returns four starters from a 30-4 NCAA National title-winning squad.

## NEW RESIDENCE HALL FOR WOMEN

**Workers adjust concrete forms on the third floor of the new Residence Hall for Women. The \$3.6 million building is slated for completion in mid 1998 and will house 96 women. The new Residence Hall is located just north of the Memorial Student Center (map: 9 on page 3).**



**Cement is poured for the floor of the third story in this view, which was shot from near the Memorial Student Center. The new hall will sit just west of the current Women's Residence Hall.**



**Rabid soccer fan David "Beef" Showalter voices his support for the Yellowjackets. The men's soccer team is right on target for another Big State Conference title.**



# LeTourneau University

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## Minister With Us at LeTourneau

The University currently has these faculty positions open:

**Chair, Division of Business Administration**

*Professor,*

**Welding Engineering**

**Chief Flight Instructor, FAR 141 Program**

*Professor,*

**Elementary Education**

*Professor,*

**Biblical Studies**

*Professor,*

**Chemistry**

*Professor,*

**Mechanical Engineering**

For job descriptions and requirements, please visit our Internet web site:

[www.lctu.edu/](http://www.lctu.edu/), or contact the Provost's Office, using our regular address.



### Linda Fitzhugh Promoted to Vice President for Enrollment Services

Linda Fitzhugh, a 15-year veteran administrator at LeTourneau University, has been promoted to vice president for enrollment services, President Alvin O. Austin has announced.

Fitzhugh will oversee all functions related to student admissions, financial aid, student records and registration. This is an executive-level position, and Fitzhugh will also serve as a member of President Austin's cabinet. She replaces Howard Wilson, who has taken a position with Fuller Seminary. Fitzhugh has served as director of admissions and associate dean of graduate, adult and continuing studies.

She is a graduate of Pine Tree High School, and holds a bachelor's degree in education from Baylor University and a master's degree in counseling and psychology from Southwest Texas State University. She has been certified as a licensed professional counselor.

"We are fortunate to have on our administrative leadership team a person with the administrative strengths and institutional knowledge that Linda Fitzhugh possesses. She was a natural choice to move up to this new role as dean of enrollment services. We already see the fruits of her leadership as we welcome the largest entering class of students in the recent history of the University," said President Austin.

Fitzhugh is a Longview native, and she and her husband, Michael, and children Ryan and Blair, make their home in the Pine Tree area.



### Dr. Tom Nisbett New Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Tom Nisbett has been named vice president for university advancement, announced LeTourneau President Alvin O. Austin.

Nisbett was formerly the dean and professor of economics at the Fred M. Hale School of Business at East Texas Baptist University. He replaces Jim Hughey, who took a position as president of Mastercraft Industries in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Nisbett will supervise all aspects of advancement and fund raising, including alumni relations, university relations, development, the Annual Fund and corporate/foundation relations.

"Dr. Tom Nisbett brings great strength to his new role as vice president for university advancement," said President Austin. "As a former dean of business at two different universities, he thoroughly understands the academic world, and he also brings experience in economic development and charitable fund raising. Most importantly, he brings knowledge of our community and a strong ability to work with the people who make up the University constituency."

Nisbett is a native of Dalhart, Texas. He has earned a bachelor's degree in economics from West Texas State University, a master's in economics from Texas Christian University, and a doctorate in economics from Texas Tech University.

Nisbett, and his wife, LouAnn, and family make their home in Hallsville.



### Douglas Wilcoxson Selected as Vice President for Student Affairs

Douglas Wilcoxson, formerly the dean of student development at Greenville College (IL), has been selected to be vice president for student affairs, announced President Alvin O. Austin. Wilcoxson will head all student-related functions for the main LeTourneau campus in Longview, including student services, student life, spiritual life, health services, career development and campus security.

He replaces Dr. Charles Hood, who took a position at Shorter College (GA).

Wilcoxson brings to the position a wide breadth of education and student administration experience. He is a graduate of Grace College (IN) and holds a master's degree in student personnel administration from Ball State University (IN).

"Doug Wilcoxson loves students. He has the training and proven experience to work with our students and lead the various student support services that complement the academic programs of the University," said President Austin.

Prior to his service as dean, he was also director of residence life at Greenville College and director of career development at Grace College.

Wilcoxson and his wife, Lisa, are expecting their first child in October. He enjoys athletics, and has been both a men's and women's assistant basketball coach.

## "U.S. News & World Report" Again Names L.U. as one of "America's Best Colleges"

LeTourneau has once again been named one of "America's Best Colleges" in the 1998 "U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges" issue and guidebook.

LeTourneau was ranked fourth among western liberal arts colleges, placing it among the top small colleges and universities in the country.

The magazine ranks institutions by a variety of criteria, including academic reputation, student retention rates, caliber of faculty, financial resources and alumni involvement. LeTourneau, which has been ranked in the top 10 five times, has become well-known for the strength of its degree programs, the academic abilities of its students who come from virtually every state and 25 nations of the world, and its values-oriented educational mission.

LeTourneau was also listed in two other rankings which assess the value of the education its students receive. The University was ranked second among western liberal arts colleges in "Operating Efficiency," meaning it manages its resources extremely well, and fifth in "Best Values."

"Our students leave LeTourneau well-prepared scholastically," said President Alvin O. Austin, "but equally important is their character. Many employers tell us they like to recruit our students because they know what to do, they work extremely hard and they have strong ethical and moral values. These traits make them valuable employees," said Austin.





## Columbia Gulf Transmission Establishes LeTourneau University Scholarship

Columbia Gas Foundation, on behalf of the Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, has given a \$5,000 student scholarship grant to LeTourneau University. The funds create an endowed scholarship which will be used to provide scholarship assistance to Houston-area students attending LeTourneau University.

Terry McGill, president of Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, presented the grant to John Martin, LeTourneau University director of development. Also participating in the ceremony was K Leonard, lead communications representative for CGT, and Dr. Bill Piernot, director of LeTourneau's Houston Educational Center.

Columbia Gulf Transmission is an interstate natural gas pipeline company which operates a 4,200-mile pipeline system across the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky.



**Terry McGill, (second from left) president of Columbia Gulf Transmission Co., presents a \$5,000 scholarship endowment grant to John Martin, LeTourneau University director of development. The grant will help fund the education of Houston-area students at LeTourneau University. Also pictured are K Leonard (left), lead communications representative for CGT and Dr. Bill Piernot (right), director of LeTourneau's Houston Educational Center.**

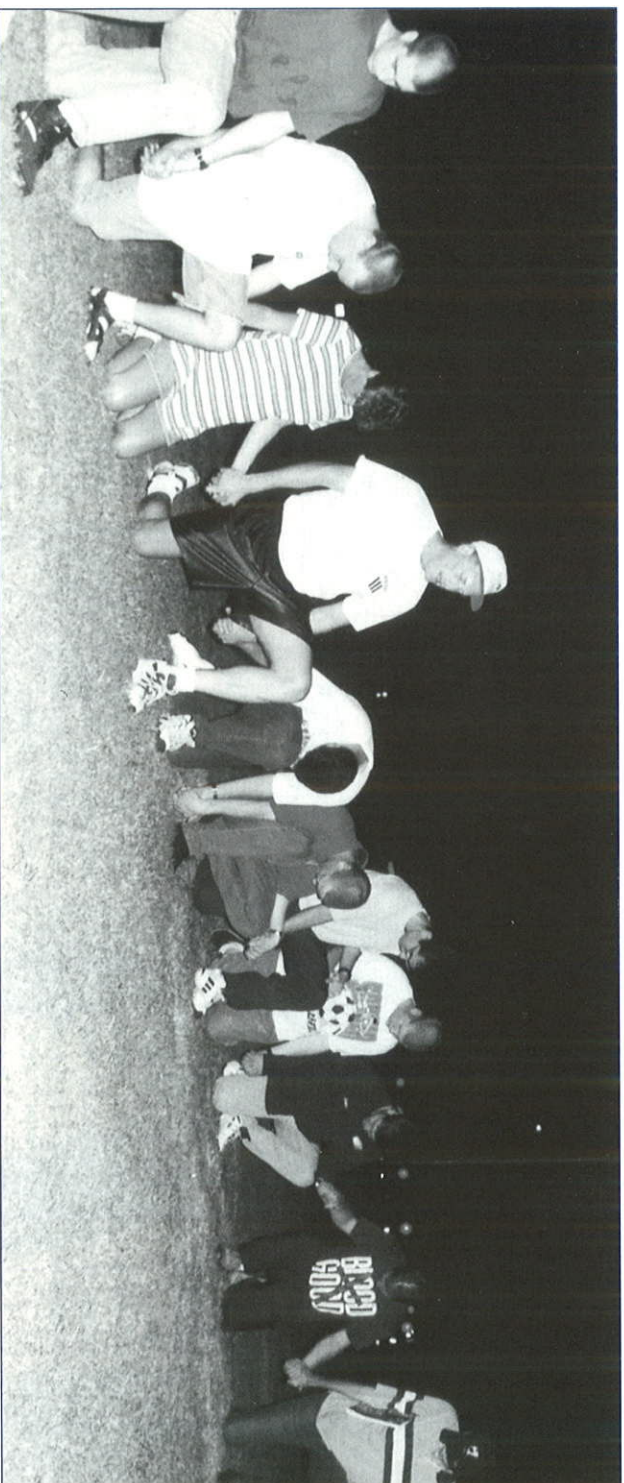
## Miles to Travel, Promises to Keep

Led by Vice President for Student Affairs Doug Wilcoxson (fourth from left in photo below), a group of students and staff knelt in prayer before boarding a bus to travel to the Promise Keepers rally in Washington, D.C. More than 60 LeTourneau men attended the event, which was held Oct. 4, and drew hundreds of thousands of men from around the world.

"The men on the LeTourneau campus really responded to our challenge to attend this event. Even though it meant almost continuous travel from Thursday night to Sunday night, they wanted to attend. We quickly filled up our bus, added another van, and still had to turn some away," Wilcoxson said.

Traveling in a LeTourneau bus and van convoy, the trip took 26 hours each way. Each student paid \$40 to cover expenses of the trip.

"It was a wonderful experience. I am so glad I went. Singing and praying with so many other Christian men was something I will always remember. I was deeply challenged," said computer science and math major Matt Nelson (pictured at far left), a junior from Gig Harbor, Washington.



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**SHAPING  
TOMORROW  
CAMPAIGN NEARS  
\$14,000,000 MARK**

"The Shaping Tomorrow Campaign is on target and we're closing in on our goal of \$16 million," reports Dr. Tom Nisbett, vice president for university advancement.

Announced in conjunction with the University's 50th anniversary in 1996, the campaign has been a three-year effort to raise funds for buildings, endowment, scholarships and general operating expenses. With almost \$14,000,000 in cash commitments and gifts-in-kind raised so far, it has been the most successful and largest fund-raising effort in the 52-year history of the University.

"The Solheim Recreation and Activity Center is the largest direct result of the Shaping Tomorrow campaign, but we have also been able to increase our endowment, and assist students with scholarship grants. The money given toward

general operating expenses has helped us make ongoing improvements and keep our budget in the black," said Nisbett.

The campaign met the \$11 million goal set for Phase I—Shaping Tomorrow's Student. It now enters Phase II—Shaping Tomorrow's Technology—a \$5 million campaign to raise funds for a "Center for Engineering, Science and Technology." Already more than \$1.4 million has been given toward the new Center.

"We are very grateful for many alumni, friends, foundations and corporations that have contributed to this campaign. It is their partnership that has made this effort so successful," concluded Nisbett.



## 50's

**Grady Schochler (WE '50)** died on 9/23/97. He is survived by his wife, Nell, three children and ten grandchildren.

**Howard Crosby (BT '54)** visited Ghana, West Africa for a month to help with the construction of a library and dormitory building at the Baptist Institute of Professional Services in Accru.

**Lloyd A. Molby (ME '55)** passed away 1/30/97 due to complications from a head injury. He is survived by his wife, Ardeth and daughters **Karina Magatagan (BUBS '89)** and **Ladina Wingert (BUBS/IM '86)**. Memorials may be made to LeTourneau University.

**Rev. Jerry Schmidt (59-61)** and wife **Judy** now live in Indiana, Penn., where Jerry is the Pastor of the Grace UMC Fellowship.

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**Larry B. Smith (IE '63)** teaches in the Medford School District in Jacksonville, Ore. Over the years, his fifth grade students have won several awards for their efforts to improve Jacksonville Woodland Nature Park and Trail. In 5/97 the students received a check for \$12,500 as first prize in the National Pledge and Promise Environmental Awards. The money will be used to improve the nature trail.

**Tom (MI '66)** and **Carolyn Pace** celebrated 35 years of marriage and 30 years on the mission field! They live in Lima, Peru, where they serve with Baptist International Missions.

**Paul (ATBS '71)** and **Betty Abbott** were awarded a con-

gratulatory plaque from John Martin, right, IU's director of development.

Paul is president of Covington Aircraft Engines. His employees surprised him with a dinner to celebrate the 25 years Paul has owned the company. Paul and Betty's son, **Luke Abbott (ATBS '92)**, is also an IU alum and is a mechanic/chief pilot for the company.



Paul (ATBS '71) and Betty Abbott.

**Phil (EE '72)** and **Susan Austin** announce the birth of Catherine Mary on 8/21/97. She joins Benjamin, age 14, Elisabeth, age 10 and Caleb, age 7. They live in Baldwinville, N.Y. Phil works for Lockheed Martin as a reliability engineer in the Ocean Radar and Sensor Systems Division.

**Colonel Julia Kathy "Barclay" Yawn (LA '72)** recently retired from the Air Force Nurse Corps. She was honored to receive the Legion of Merit Award upon her retirement. She also has received the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Julia now lives in Santee, S.C. with her husband, **Jimmie** and her three sons.

**Dan Anderson (EE '74)** celebrated twenty years with HCB World Radio in June. He began working in Quito, Ecuador, and continues today in Ekhart, Ind.

**Chaplain (Major) James P. Boyle (BI '74)** was re-assigned in March as the brigade chaplain for the 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

**Del (MI '74)** and **Becky Chinchon** celebrated 20 years of working in Africa this August. They currently work at Davstar University in Nairobi, Kenya.

**Ron Banks (ATBS '75)** and his family are currently living in Mentone, Calif. where Ron works for MAF. Ron is now into information technology and works directly with communications and support to missions worldwide.



**Jeff Kleinbeck (ATBS '75)**, center, with President Austin, left, and Alumni Director Bryan Benson at the E.A.A. Oshkosh Air Show in Oshkosh, Wisc. Kleinbeck, who is with the F.A.A., coordinates and supervises all air traffic movements

during the air show—with more than 2,000 landings and take-offs a day during the show, Jeff is temporarily in charge of the busiest airport in the world!

**Bruce Bartlow (ME '76)** is now plant manager for the Eaton Corp, in Saginaw, Mich.

**Kiel D. Mckenrick (AUT '77)** died 7/31/97 from injuries received in an automobile accident in Longview, Tex. He is survived by his wife, **Leana** and two daughters.

**Mark (ATBS '78)** and **Dorothy Ott** work with Wycliffe in Pucallpa, Peru. This summer they celebrated the dedication of the Sharanahua New Testament and the revision of the Machiguenga New Testament.

**Job Orellana (ATBS '79)** died in a plane crash near Shell, Ecuador on 9/14/97, while searching for another downed aircraft. Job flew for MAF and was president of Alas de Socorro, MAF's Ecuadorian affiliate. He is survived by his wife, Anita and their three children. Two others died in the crash.

alumnus **Dan Osterhus ('86)** and Job's brother, **Walter Orellana**.

**Mark (ME '80)** and **Beki (MI '80)** **Dingeldein** are thankful for their fifth son, Caleb David who was born 11/2/96. Congratulations!

**Tom Van Gorkom (ET '80)** writes that the work for Wycliffe in Colombia, South America, is a time perilous. The Lord continues to work and he asks for prayer for the government elections.

**Bob (PEBS '80)** and **Kathy (BUBS/PSYC '92)** Vetter announce the birth of Joshua McClellan, born 3/13/97.

**Scott Jurtens (BUBS '81)** married **Trish Roberts** on 6/18/97 at the First Baptist Church of Downtown in Jacksonville, Fla. Among the attendees were IU alumni **Mark and Miriam Stibbe**, **Carlo McClay** and **Brent Johnson**.

**Connie Terning (MI '81)** passed away on 7/10/97 after a 5 year battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Richard Terning (ATBS '80)**.

**David McCarthy (MTAT '81)** is currently a doctoral student at the University of Georgia Institute of Higher Education. Since 1994, David has served as director of institutional research and planning at Toccoa Falls College.

**Charles W. Rider (EE '81)** lives in San Ramon, Calif. and is the director of AirTouch Communications.

**Denis (MT '81)** and **Diane Sherbeck** are living in Wheaton, Ill. while on furlough with TEAM Mission. They hope to return to Pakistan in February.



**John (AUT '82)** and **Debbie Eleutheriou** have been blessed with a beautiful daughter. Joy was born 9/28/96 and was welcomed home by brother Peter and sister Kitsa.

**Noah Garaway (ATBS '82)** died in a plane crash in the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa. He was traveling to a conference there when the plane crashed, killing all aboard. His wife, Gila, and two sons survive him.

**Keith (ET/ATBS '83)** and **Jan Anderson** announce the birth of Rebekah Marie on 8/6/97 in Longview, Tex. Keith is the director of flight maintenance with LeTourneau University.

**Martin Block (IM '83)** now works for Argo Manufacturing as manager of the Racing Division.

**Roger (WT '83)** and **Dee Patrick** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in July. Roger recently received his teaching certificate and is teaching part-time at the vocational school in San Jose, Calif. He works full-time as a welder at All Weld in Milpitas.



**Thomas (ET/ATBS '83)** and **Elfrieda Makil** have another baby! Monet Celeste was born 8/13/97 and joined sister Mariah.

**Beverly (BY '83)** "Sunnarborg" and **Earl Rutledge** announce the birth of Luke Elliot on 12/31/96. He was born in Managua, Nicaragua, and joins his sister and three brothers. Beverly serves with World Outreach Fellowship.

**Stan Gingrich (WT '84)** is in a new position with Norton Chemical Process Products Corp. Stan is plant manager of their Tallmadge, Ohio plant.

**Steve (AT '84)** and **Debbie Wolford** are back in the Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire. They work with Wing of the Morning in a flight ministry. They ask for prayer for all the changes and adjustments in that country.

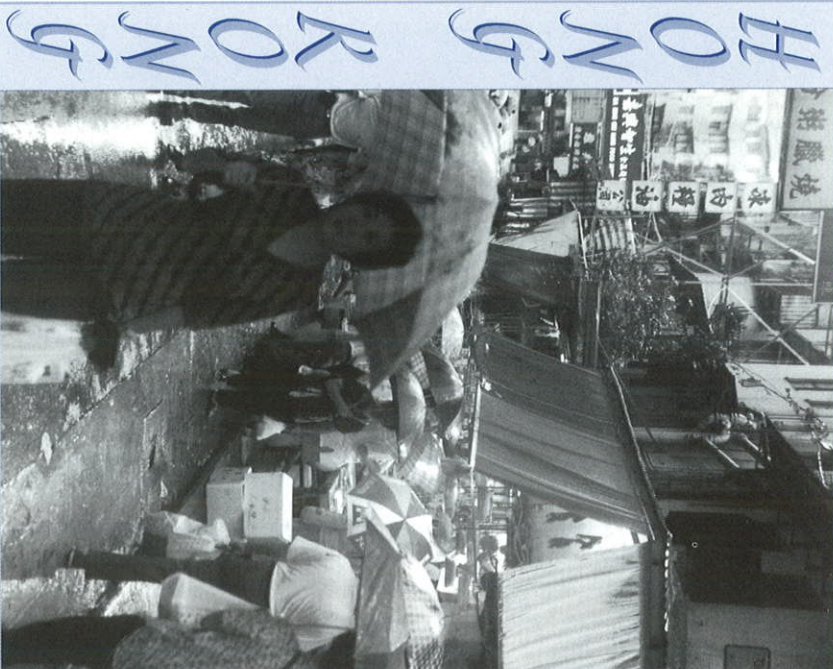
**John (ME '85)** and **Rhonda Blasongame** currently live in Los Angeles where John works for Metropolitan Water District as a mechanical engineer. He is currently the lead mechanical engineer on the Eastside Reservoir Project.

**Brad (ATBS '85)** and **Lori Crawford** are preparing to go to Germany in Dec. or Jan. with UFM International. Pray for them as they step out to do what God has called them to do.

**Bill (IM '85)** and **Pasha Kennedy** came by the office this summer. In May 97, he received his masters in educational leadership from Point Loma Nazarene. Bill is the associate principal at Home Street Middle School in Bishop, Calif.

**Ira Nelson (IM '85)** recently graduated from Field Medical Service Technician training at Field Medical Service School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.





**Glen Kotapish (ATFL '95) traveled to Hong Kong to witness the historic transfer from British rule back to China on July 1. He joined huge crowds who viewed stunning fireworks and a variety of ceremonies marking the changeover.**

**Heavy rains and humid temperatures did not detract the citizens of Hong Kong from their preparations for commemorating--or celebrating--the passing of an era.**

**Bill Fossebner (AUT '86)** and his family flew to Atlanta in June as part of Oldsmobile's Tournament of Champions. Bill was honored as one of the top 40 Oldsmobile master technicians nationally! Congratulations!



**Joel (ATBS '86) and Janine Hedgpeth** announce the birth of their third child, Benjamin Isaac, born 9/12/96. They live in Louisville, Ky. where Joel works as a maintenance

programs/reliability analyst for UPS on their 767 freighter fleet.

**Don Henry (ATBS '86)** married **Martha McSally** on 6/29/97. Congratulations!

**Dan Oserthus (ATBS '86)** died in a plane crash near Shell, Ecuador on 9/14/97 while searching for another downed aircraft. Dan is survived by his wife, Sue and their 8 month old daughter. Dan had worked with MAF since 1990. Two others died in the crash, alumnus **Job Orellana ('79)** and Job's brother, Walter.

**Bill (ET '86) and Karen Panagotopoulos** have a second daughter, Christine Elizabeth was born on 9/7/97.

**Tim (CSE/MABS '86) and Rachel "Burk" (MABS '90) Roden** have a second daughter, Vannan Kathlene was born 7/7/97. She joins sister Kendra, age two.

**Luke Michael Senseney** born 11/7/96. Son of Lorraine "Strickhous" (ACCT '86) and **Mike Senseney**.

**Mark (ETMT '87) and Cathie Irwin** had their fifth child, Amy Elisabeth, on 8/10/97. Her siblings are Joshua, age 8, Samuel, age 6, Peter, age 5, and Kalyan, age 2.

**Ed (IM '86) and Amy Vafior** would like to introduce Christian Alexander, born 6/11/97 in Tampa, Fla. Christian joins siblings Cassandra, age 7 and Jonathan, age 5. Ed is a managing consultant for Software Architects, Inc.

**Michael W. Myers ('88)** married **Lisa K. Lott** on 5/17/97 in San Antonio, Tex. Mike is in medical school at the University of Texas Health & Science Center in San Antonio.

**Sherry "Coy" (ATBS '88) and Job Eaves (ATBS '87)** have been blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Jordan Taylor was born 5/4/97.

**Matt (EE '88) and Beth Ide** have a second son, Jeremy Matthew was born 7/3/97.

**Lois "Endresen" (CSE '88) and Bernie (CST '86) Meier** announce the arrival of their son, Joshua Reuben. He was born in Stockholm, Sweden on 7/4/97.

**Robert Palmer (MTDT '88)** and his family have moved back to Texas from Arizona! He is now living in Plano and works for Pronet.

**Carl J. Schwartz, Jr. (PA '88)** married **Dr. Kerri Williams** on 6/14/97. Carl is in his fifth year as an attorney in private practice. For the last two years he has also operated LinkNY, an internet service, and Low'n's House of Shoppes, a shared market/gift store in Penn Yan, N.Y.

**Tim Vetter (CSE '88)** now works as a software engineer for DSC Communication Corporation in Dallas.

**Mark (CST '89) and Melissa Budai** would like to announce the birth of their first child, Rebecca Kay. She was born 5/11/97. A real blessing!



**Drew Derek Nelson** Duncan born 11/25/96, son of **Derek (ET/CST '89) and Lily Duncan**.

**Alex Pollack (WE '89)** was married to **Debbie Risk** on 9/27/97 in Panama City, Fla. Alex and Debbie will live in Indonesia for the next 3 years where Alex works as a welding engineer.

**Kris Klynstra (ATBS '90)** has been accepted by MAF and has been assigned to Indonesia.

**Ben (ATBS '91) and Carolee Burdick** are thrilled with the arrival of their long awaited son, Jammin Wesley was born 7/24/97.

**Albert Harrewyn (ATBS/MT '91)** has taken a position with Aiserv International. He works as a mechanic in Mozambique.

**David V. Harvey (ATBS '91)** has completed his captain upgrade training for Trans States Airlines in the Jetstream 41. David is based at JFK airport in New York City.

**David Karumuna (ATBS '91)** recently received his masters of aviation management from Embry Riddle University. David works for Capital Aircraft in Ill.

**Dori "Kaiser" (DT '91) and Paul Reno (CST '90)** had their first child on 9/4/97. He is named Anthony Kaiser.



**Marian Karen Chase** born 10/18/96, daughter of **Bruce (ATBS '92) and Karen Chase**.

**John S. Clow (WE '92)** married **Kathy Melton Culberth** on 6/6/97 in Lawrenceville, Ga. John currently works for CBI as a welding engineer.



**Seth Wesley Cross** born 2/20/97. Son of **Wes (WE '92) and Rubyallyn ('90-92) Cross**.

**Mark Farrell (ATBS '93) and Julie Couture** were married on 8/9/97 at the First Baptist Church in Wheaton, Ill.

**Tim Holloway (ATBS '93)** started a new job this summer. He works for Cessna Aircraft as an A&P mechanic in the Experimental Department of the Single Engine Division.

**Tim (EE '93) and Stacy Roszhart** announce the birth of their second child, Paige Mackenzie was born on 11/12/96 and joined brother Jordan.

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